

Upon the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the

BELFORD RURAL DISTRICT

for the year ending 31st. December 1946

S T A T I S T I C S.



1. Area. 39,619 acres.
2. Registrar-General's estimate of the Resident Population 1946
(Mid-Year) - 4884
3. Number of inhabited houses (end of 1946) according to
Rate Books - 1749
4. Rateable Value - £25,903.
5. Sum represented by a penny rate - £100: 11: 5d.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

		Total.	M.	F.	
<u>Live Births.</u>	(Legitimate)	92	42	50	{ Birth rate 20.6 per 1000 of estimated resident population.
	(Illegitimate)	9	7	2	
<u>Still Births.</u>		4	2	2	
<u>Deaths.</u>		68	37	31	{ Death rate 14.1 per 1000 of estimated resident population.

England & Wales Birth Rate 19.1 per 1000. Death Rate 11.5 per 1000.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes Nil.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age (Total 6)

All Infants per 1000 live births ... 59.4
 Legitimate Infants per 1000 legitimate live births 54.3
 Illegitimate Infants per 1000 illegit. live births 11.1

Deaths from Cancer (All Ages) 9
Deaths from Measles (All Ages) Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All Ages) Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) Nil.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

(a) MEDICAL.

D.T. MacDonald, M.D.Ch. B.(Edin) South Bank, Belford.
 Medical Officer of Health (part-time) District Medical Officer for
 Belford West District (part-time), Medical Officer for the Public
 Assistance Institution (part time). Public Vaccinator for Belford
 West District.

F.B. Macaskie, L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin) L.R.F.P.S. (Glas), Malabar, Seahouses.
 District Medical Officer, Belford East District. Public Vaccinator
 for Belford East District (Part time)

(b) OTHERS.

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor and Building Surveyor. W.R. KIRK, M.S.I.A.,
 Seabank, Seahouses.

Vaccination Officer, Relieving Officer and Registrar of Births.
Marriages & Deaths. Mr.C.V.F. Cooke, The Sheiling, Seahouses.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

The Draft Scheme for the supply of water to the whole of the District has been approved, in principle by the County Council and the Ministry of Health. Negotiations for the purchase of existing supplies have been completed with the exception of the Bamburgh and Belford Station supplies.

Water is supplied from public mains to houses in the following Parishes:-

Parish.	(a) Piped into house.	(b) by standpipe	Total No. of houses.
North Sunderland.	470	62	532
Belford.	241	17	258
Beadnell.	139	22	161
Chathill.	3	14	17
Ellingham.	14	9	23
Fleetham.	6	4	10
Swinhoe.	7	14	21
TOTAL.	880	142	1022

Housing.

Work has commenced with erection of 40 houses.

Seahouses. 8 (4 bedroom)
 8 (3 bedroom)
 4 (2 bedroom)
 20 houses.

Belford. 12 (3 bedroom)
 8 (2 bedroom)
 20 houses.

The erection of 7 houses by private enterprise is proceeding.

The reconditioning of 10 farmworkers' cottages has been done with assistance under the Rural Workers Act; in addition 5 other farm cottages have been reconditioned to standard.

Plans approved relating to Domestic Buildings:-

Provision of sculleries, bathrooms & W.C.s to farm cottages at Elwick, Belford. (J.R.Reay)
 Extension of living room, Blue Gate, Beadnell. (K.Glover)
 Alterations to farm cottage, Newham Barns. (Duke of Northumberland)
 Boiler house, St. Aidans, Seahouses. (J.S.Russell)
 Conversion of 4 cottages to 2 'The Friars', Bamburgh (Lord Armstrong)
 2 houses, Dinningside, Belford (Wm. Tully & Sons)
 2 houses, North Street, North Sunderland (Wm. Tully & Sons)
 Addition of bedroom to Cottage, Home Farm, Belford. (McLaren & Co.)
 Conversion of garage to sitting room, Beadnell. (S.Seymour)
 Addition of scullery, The Nook, Belford. (D.Graham)
 2 cottages, Tughall Farm. (Duke of Northumberland)
 Conversion of 5 cottages to 3, Tughall Farm (Duke of Northumberland)
 Cottage at Warenmill (H.E.Pitt)
 Conversion of 2 flats, Shoreston Hall. (Miss M.Runciman)
 4 cottages at Fleetham. (Lord Creve Trust)
 Bungalow at Burton. (A.Humphreys)
 6 houses, Harbour Road, Beadnell (Thompson Hall)
 1 house, Harbour Road, Beadnell (Mrs. H.Common)
 4 houses, North Street, North Sunderland (Wm. Tully & Sons)
 Conversion to 2 houses, Wood Cottage, Ellingham. (Sir H.C de M. Haggerston)
 Bathroom and Wash-house, Osborne House, Seahouses. (D.E.Gregory)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER
DISEASES DURING 1946.

During the year 131 cases of notifiable infectious disease occurred in the District

Measles	113	Pneumonia	2
Chickenpox	6	Tuberculosis	2
Scarlet Fever	4	Erysipelas	1
Whooping Cough	5		

The Rural District was very free from infectious disease, except for a mild epidemic of Influenza in February, until September when measles appeared in epidemic form amongst children in the Belford Area, when practically every child who had not had the disease, contracted it. Complications were infrequent, and there were no deaths caused by the disease. The epidemic extended to the Luckor area and by the end of the year the disease had disappeared. The cases of Scarlet Fever all occurred in Belford, three being in one household. The patients were all sent to Berwick Isolation Hospital and there was no spread of the disease which had occurred sporadically

